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Remy F. Gross II et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is filed as a Preliminary Amendment to a new non-provisional application filed under 37 CFR §1.53(b) as a Divisional Application to US Serial No. 09/440,037. It is believed that no additional fees are required with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. Should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these materials, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 22-0365/KAI475/4-002.

Please make the follow amendments of record:

AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

At line 1 one page 1 of the Specification please insert the following sentence: --This application is a divisional application of copending US Application Serial No. 09/440,037, filed November 12, 1999.--

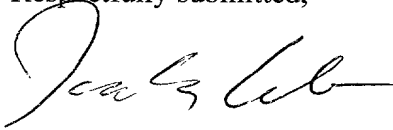
In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-14 and 20-23.

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 and 20-23 are cancelled as being currently examined in co-pending application serial no. 09/440,037. Claims 15-19 are presently in the case.

Respectfully submitted,



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